

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1296

Introduced by Assembly Member Blumenfield

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 4648.4 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1296, as introduced, Blumenfield. Developmental services: regional centers.

Under existing law, the State Department of Developmental Services provides funding for regional centers for the provision or purchase of services and supports to persons with developmental disabilities.

Existing law, with certain exceptions, prohibits a regional center from paying any provider of specified services a rate that is greater than the rate that is in effect on June 30, 2008, unless the increase is required by contract between the regional center and the vendor that is in effect on June 30, 2008.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the above provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4648.4 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 4648.4. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
- 4 regulation, commencing July 1, 2006, rates for services listed in

1 paragraphs (1), (2), with the exception of travel reimbursement,
2 (3) to (8), inclusive, (10), and (11) of subdivision (b), shall be
3 increased by 3 percent, subject to funds *that are* specifically
4 appropriated for this increase in the Budget Act of 2006. The
5 increase shall be applied as a percentage, and the percentage shall
6 be the same for all providers. Any subsequent change shall be
7 governed by subdivision (b).

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulation,
9 except for subdivision (a), no regional center may pay any provider
10 of the following services or supports a rate that is greater than the
11 rate that is in effect on or after June 30, 2008, unless the increase
12 is required by a contract between the regional center and the vendor
13 that is in effect on June 30, 2008, or the regional center
14 demonstrates that the approval is necessary to protect the
15 consumer's health or safety and the department has granted prior
16 written authorization:

- 17 (1) Supported living services.
- 18 (2) Transportation, including travel reimbursement.
- 19 (3) Socialization training programs.
- 20 (4) Behavior intervention training.
- 21 (5) Community integration training programs.
- 22 (6) Community activities support services.
- 23 (7) Mobile day programs.
- 24 (8) Creative art programs.
- 25 (9) Supplemental day services program supports.
- 26 (10) Adaptive skills trainers.
- 27 (11) Independent living specialists.